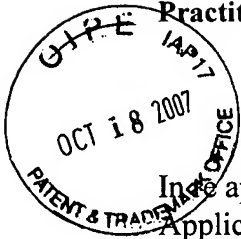


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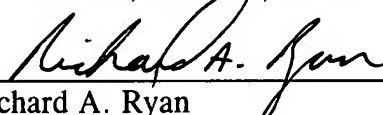
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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the petition decision dated 18 July 2007 and amendment filed 15 June 2007.

2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-8, 10-30 and 42-45.

3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

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3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
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